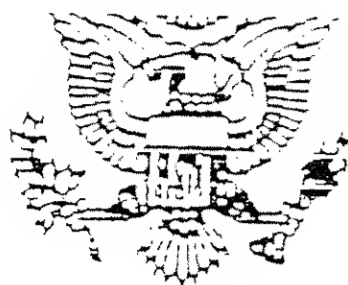


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RE: ZACARIAS MOUSSAOUT

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As you will recall, the Minneapolis Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is currently conducting an investigation into the activities of captioned subject.

This investigation was predicated on reporting that MOUSSAOUT was attempting to obtain flight training inconsistent with his employment and experience. MOUSSAOUT, who is not a pilot and has no aviation background, was attempting to obtain training on the Boeing 747 Model 400 aircraft simulator. MOUSSAOUT specifically requested training on how to take off and land the 747 Model 400 and to have the opportunity to fly a simulated flight from Heathrow to JFK International Airport. MOUSSAOUT's explanation for his interest in this type of training raised concerns with the instructors.

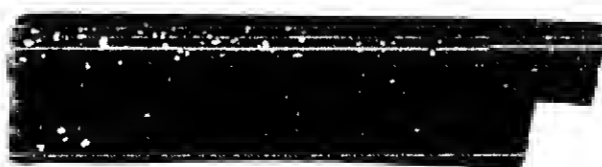
MOUSSAOUT was subsequently interviewed by the FBI and the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service (USINS). His responses to the questions posed were less than convincing. MOUSSAOUT was found to be in violation of U.S. Immigration laws and arrested.

USINS records reveal that MOUSSAOUT, a resident of the United Kingdom, entered the United States at Chicago, Illinois, on February 23, 2001, traveling on French Passport

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#AE27016 on a visa waiver. A review of MOUSSAOUT's French passport revealed that he entered Pakistan on December 9, 2000, and exited on February 7, 2001, on Pakistani Visa #VB086976 issued by the High Commission for Pakistan in London on December 4, 2000. The subject was unable to satisfactorily explain the reasons for his visit to Pakistan or his source of funds.

The USNS has determined that MOUSSAOUT is subject to deportation. The USNS anticipates deporting MOUSSAOUT in the foreseeable future to either France (he was traveling on a French passport) or the United Kingdom (his country of residence). USNS is exploring its options. I will ensure that your service is kept apprized of all developments in this matter.

At the time of deportation, USNS will return to captioned subject his personal belongings, which include a laptop computer, none of which has been examined forensically.

The following information was obtained from a sensitive source:

- MOUSSAOUT is an individual of superior intelligence who has a Masters degree from Cambridge University. It was while residing in London that captioned subject "was taken in hand and initiated by the fundamentalists of 'Backstreet' and 'Finsbury Park' mosques."

- MOUSSAOUT was a close associate of [REDACTED] a Mujahideen who was killed in Chechnya in April, 2000. [REDACTED] like captioned subject, was recruited and indoctrinated by the 'Backstreet' and 'Finsbury Park' group.

- He was further described as an individual who is extremely cynical, completely devoted to the Wahabite cause, and concerned with progressing that cause. He was depicted as a cold, stubborn man, capable of nurturing a plan over several months, or even years and of committing himself to this task in all elements of his life and is potentially very dangerous.

- MOUSSAOUT was arrested by the Moroccan police upon his arrival in Morocco in 1997.

- That same year, MOUSSAOUT went to Narbonne, France. His ardent and emotional preaching in favor of jihad agitated a large number of his childhood friends who he had not seen since his departure to Great Britain.

- In France, the local Muslim community representatives were advised of the moral danger that MOUSSAOUT could represent for a number of young Muslims losing their religious bearings and social placement. As a result, the subject was driven from at risk urban areas by his coreligionists for propagating his message of intolerance and hatred.

- MOUSSAOUT is believed to have traveled to Kuwait, Turkey, and Afghanistan.

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Sincerely,

For: A. Lance Emory
Legal Attache

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